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I want to express the importance of establishing the EAS event codes, Storm Surge Watch (SSA) and Storm Surge Warning (SSW). These codes would positively inspire more coastal citizens to consider their evacuation plans as a tropical cyclone approaches.

As a coastal Emergency Management Coordinator, I have seen first hand what damage can be caused by high storm surges and been ask by our citizens to provide a better measure of this information. We plan constantly for if or when to evauate coastal areas to prevent loss of life. These warnings would help us to motivate our citizens to plan accordingly in their best interest.